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INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
302 West Washington Street
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BOARD FOR FIREFIGHTING
PERSONNEL STANDARDS AND EDUCATION

Agenda

June 16, 2016 9am

Belterra Casino

Center Stage

777 Belterra Blvd

Florence IN

A. Meeting called to order at 9 AM

Introduce new Board member Brandon Wood, Director of Training and Preparedness. He was section Chief for Training with the State Fire Marshal.

Present

Greg Wyant

Eric Dreiman

Marsh Burke Jones

Christopher Johnson

John Smith

Eric Gentry

James Greeson

Brandon Wood

Genois Brabson

Absent

Tom Hanify

Rob Lund

Jason Rogers

B. Consideration and approval of April 25th, 2016 minutes

Chris Johnson made a motion to approve. Burke Jones seconded. Motion passed.

C. New Variance requests (staff recommends approval)

1. Robert Braaksma, Twin Lakes High School,
 - a. 655 IAC 1-1-12 (e) (h)

Ty Barnes, Seth Welbourne, Tristan Baxter, Brandi Cornett, Jard Rosenberg, Jason Wisinski.

Eric Dreiman made a motion to approve. Chris Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

2. Tony DeAdam requested Fire Officer Strategy and Tactics

Chris Johnson made the motion to approve. Genoio Brabson seconded. Motion passed. Brandon Wood recused himself from the vote.

D. New Variance requests (staff recommends denial)

1. Dawn Horvath is requesting reinstatement of Instructor I, II/III.

John Smith made a motion to approve due to unexpected circumstances. She must pass the reciprocity test within 180 days from today. Chris Johnson seconded. Brandon Wood recused himself from the vote.

E. State Fire Marshal Report – James Greeson

You will hear more about this survey dealing with recruits and new hires.

We are asking that this be completed and submitted to us.

This is fireworks and amusement ride season. If there is an incident or a death, be sure to isolate the ride until we can inspect the ride.

In the Fire Chief Orientation we cover a lot of things during this session. I hope you are able to attend this functions. The Fire Marshal's office assist with many situations throughout the state. Do not hesitate to let us know if you need help. I will be glad to come out and help with anything that you are in need of.

We are moving forward with the Academy. Part of the new program will include telecommunications. No one has a program for training in this area. I think we will be the first to offer structured training for this.

F. Director of Training Report – Brandon Wood

I started my career as a volunteer firefighter. I think that it is important for you to know that. We are trying to improve training for telecommunications. As the Marshal stated, right now there is nothing.

On June 22 at Camp Atterbury we are having TEPW training. This will be for Police, Fire, EMS EMA, and telecommunications. If you have anything that you would like to submit are you wish to participate, feel free to attend and speak out. This is the only way we know what you need.

Sept 11-6 we are having a state wide exercise. This is about earthquakes and crude oil. District 1-2-3and 4 are participating in this. Currently we are working on an EOC exercise dealing with an Anthrax release. This will end on Friday.

G. Fire Training Report – John Buckman III

1. Rounding test scores to nearest whole number

We have been rounding scores to nearest whole numbers. We going to stop doing this. If you scored a 69.6 we round to 70%. If you scored a 69.4 we rounded to 69%. We did this manually. We are no longer going to be doing this. Your score will be as is. Also, the LXR, our paper testing equipment has been sold. They will no longer support testing, we have no support if anything were to go down in this system.

We ran a pass/fail report.

EXAM Date range: (06.01.15 - 06.01.16)	TOTAL STUDENTS ENROLLED	# OF STUDENTS WHO TOOK AT LEAST INITIAL EXAM	TOTAL EXAMS GIVEN	TOTAL PASSED EXAMS	TOTAL FAILED EXAMS	PASS/FAIL RATIO	PASS %	FAIL %
HAZ MAT - AWARENESS	356	240	303	181	122	181/122	59.74%	40.26%
HAZ MAT - OPERATIONS	213	146	174	133	41	133/41	76.44%	23.56%
HAZ MAT - AWAR/OPS	1882	1443	1797	1225	572	1225/572	68.17%	31.83%
INSTRUCTOR I	460	360	398	339	59	339/59	85.18%	14.82%
INSTRUCTOR II/III	62	52	61	47	14	47/14	77.05%	22.95%
FIRE OFFICER I	216	199	233	177	56	177/56	75.97%	24.03%
FIRE OFFICER II	91	79	89	67	22	67/22	75.28%	24.72%
MANDATORY FF	580	463	527	403	124	403/124	76.47%	23.53%

MODULE A	1079	919	1149	864	285	864/285	75.20%	24.80%
MODULE B	702	622	897	559	338	559/338	62.32%	37.68%
MODULE C	536	484	668	441	227	441/227	66.02%	33.98%
MODULE D	452	411	433	397	36	397/36	91.69%	8.31%
FIREFIGHTER I	125	74	86	57	29	57/29	66.28%	33.72%
FIREFIGHTER II	53	34	36	21	15	21/15	58.33%	41.67%
FIREFIGHTER I/II	466	379	452	348	104	348/104	76.99%	23.01%

We continually work on the testing to make sure questions are valid and correct. As this report shows, we really have good testing. Also, we ran a report on male instructors /female instructors. We also ran a report comparing male to female instructor ratio.

- **MALES - 4291**
 - Instructor I - 2781
 - Instructor II/III - 1510
- **FEMALES - 128**
 - Instructor I - 96
 - Instructor II/III – 31

2. Rule rewrite

We had a committee get together last week and here are a few of the top items discussed:

Testing would be allowed for all 17 year olds. You would no longer have to ask for a variance unless student was under 17 years old.

Certifications would still be held until the 18th birthday, but all testing would be allowed at the age of 17.

3. IFSAC validation committee

Committee is getting together all next week to get things ready for the IFSAC team coming in. Groups will be working on the FF 1/2, Hazmat awareness, Hazmat Operations, Instructor I, and Safety Officer

H. Administrative Proceedings/ Non-Final Orders

1. Administrative Cause No. DHS-1605-BFPSE-002

Andrew Giordano

Burke Jones made a motion to approve this decision. Eric Gentry seconded. Motion passed.

I. Request for New Administrative Appeals – Chairman

No report at this time

J. Old Business

No report at this time

K. New Business

1. Electronic attendance at Board meetings

John Smith made a motion to table pending further discussion. Chris Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

L. Open discussion, comments, questions?

Nothing at this time.

M. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM

N. Next meeting:

August 1, 2016

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6pm EST